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THE YAZOO EXPEDITION.

Interesting Resume of Gen. McArthur's Recent Operations.

YAZOO CITY, MAY 17, via VICKSBURG, MAY 27.—Having now been my homestead for some days, I send you an account of Gen. McArthur's late expedition to the Yazoo country. The last day of October this little army was composed consists of about 7,000 infantry, 500 cavalry and eight pieces of artillery. The infantry was made up of the second division of the 15th Corps, which joined us the morning of the 6th of May and took up the line of march for Yazoo city, leaving Mr. Lee and Smith behind seventy-five miles. The men were in excellent spirits and only too glad to exchange the march, with a few exceptions, for a fight, for the latter was monotonous duties of camp life. The main object of the movement was to drive the rebels from the fertile plantations of the detached bodies of rebels in the north part of the State, and prevent a combination of high guerrillas, based on Arkansas in Tennessee, Kentucky or Georgia.

Part of the Sherman brigade was to cooperate with the expedition by river, and on the arrival of our troops at Mechanicsburg on the 6th, the Mauvilla and Yazoo boats were found in readiness. The latter is a small town situated about four miles directly back from the latter. The command moved out next day, and encountered the enemy strongly posted near Benton. The troops were speedily formed in line of battle in the front of the rebels, and a brisk skirmish put the rebels to flight, but the nature of the country is such, that a regular battle is out of the question, and the rebels, after firing a few rounds of artillery, and delay their pursuers very easily, and this they were both enough to do, considering the nature of the country, and the fact that they had only to take a position in the rear of every one in a battery, they could compel a delay to develop and attack. We had, on the 10th, a very pleasant day's march, on which their guns, scarcely fired a solitary fire behind. The rebels were said to be Col. Mayberry's brigade of mounted infantry, with four pieces of artillery.

The Rifle men was probably with artillery, and the loss was slight. Pursuit was continued six miles, when the men were needed, and encamped near Bolton. Meanwhile, two dispatches capture, Gen. McArthur learned that Gen. Wirt Adams was on the road from Canton to cross the Big Black and join Mayberry with 1,000 more men, that night. Confident of his ability to contend with the entire force thus concentrated, Gen. McArthur, with his characteristic impetuosity, awaited to give Adams the chance to cross if he chose at the point he had designated, about twenty-two miles from Benton. Gen. McArthur had in the very wise precaution to pass into Lee City—which the main portion of the expedition were now occupying—with a portion of his train, so as not to be encumbered therewith in his movements, governing, unlike some commanders of expeditions, to use the bayonet to support his advance cavalry force.

On the 12th, Gen. McArthur started his whole army in pursuit, in the direction of Vaughan, sixteen miles, detachment it the enemy were found, and if possible, to drive them down the road to Yazoo City. The main body of the rebels in force, fully determined to resist the advance, and apparently determined to resist his march.

He immediately drew up his men and offered battle. For a short time the contest was short, but a dash movement skillfully managed and cleverly executed by a section of artillery which opened on them an enfilade unexpectedly, drove them into confusion followed by a hard charge of the infantry, and a rout of Adams's brigade, the following march of infantry after mounted men, Vaughan's brigade was in a station on the Mississippi Central railroad, twenty thirty miles from Yazoo City. The retreat crossed the bridge at Vaughan, and the rebels were removed at the time, and the bridge was set on fire. The rebels were also engaged in the destruction of the depot and a portion of the track and most of the leased work of the cropping. Brig. Gen. Ellet had meanwhile arrived at Yazoo City with some more troops and numerous detachments of cavalry, which were sent out frequent, even near the city, and a detachment of marine cavalry, on its way out to communicate with Gen. McArthur, had driven the rebels from over the route of the fighting, from Benton to Yazoo City, and had reached the same place, the night, when a body of rebels were found picketing the road at a place where it forks, and they were compelled to retreat. After consulting the destruction of the railroad, and being satisfied of the fact that the rebels had a portion of their force, their movel cavalry back, and arrived in time after on the 16th. This part of the Mississippi Central railroad has been quite destroyed before our army, and was just rebuilt at great cost and labor, and was destroyed by the rebels to transport supplies from the rich country to the south of us, and in the interior, for the use of their army.

This corps has suffered little from the ravages of war, though it has been temporarily occupied by Federal troops twice before. Almost every house has its well-stocked smokehouse, and the fine plantation visible in many places. Its cotton, as far as the most public, private, civil, or military arrangements of rebel officers and soldiers, the money we are informed, is all gone. Money is great scarcity throughout the whole region. Gold after crisis goodness are to be found even in the most remote and secluded plantations, and the wretched quality of that, with paper, is the only currency. Cotton, with corn, and the poor are truly in a deep condition. Any and all cotton is at once impounded, and what little money is left in the public is concentrated upon the raising of the cotton. It is a most unfortunate society, and will not be more produced than will be needed for the home consumption.

Large numbers of refugees and freedmen from the rebel army have come in, some having their wives and children with them, and have settled in some instances these freedmen have lived on plantations in the neighborhood of the rebels, and have been hunted for repeatedly by the rebels and carried off with their families

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THE WAR.

Gen. Grant has united Lee to three considerable fortifications, all of which he has drawn in place of a battle, with the rebels behind entrenchments, so far as pushing the rebel army northward, and getting to the vicinity of their capital is concerned. First he made his point near Spottsylvania Court House, then to Hanover Junction, and getting on the vicinity of their capital is concerned. First he made his point near Spottsylvania Court House, then to Hanover Junction, and again challenging still his opponent upon Lee's right, he has flung his lines upon the Chickahominy and the fortifications vicinity of Richmond. Strategically gained by this series of flankings and pushings backwards? One thing of a certainty. He freedom from acting as police to the city of Washington. That city rode the Potomac Army of a nightmare for nearly three entire years. This was an element of immense importance to the rebel army. We could do nothing because we were to keep watch of Washington. But the moment Grant pushed his column for Spottsylvania Lee saw that the nightmare had lifted from his army, and nothing more to hope from its aid. Hence that issue to be had in look out wholly for himself, and trust the care of our capital to our civil administration with such forces as please them.

Gen. Grant has gained his first point, the vicinity of Richmond; which is precisely the region where the fight of the campaign is to rage. Here let it do its burnings, and stampedes and devastations. With two such armies as now drawn up in array, if anything is left after a little while, besides its brown dust and the skies overhead, it may consider itself specially fortunate. If Grant and his army hold out, central Virginia is bound to be a desolation.

What other advantage Grant will get from his flankings remains to be seen. His fightings will determine their value.

OUR ON THE TARIFF.

"Sunset" Cox, of Ohio, is the best sample of the Copperhead tribe in Congress. Politically, we need not define him. His principles are well known, and akin to those who love their Southern "brethren" and hate all those who are determined to preserve the integrity of the Union. He is not only a model type of the snake politically, but he also has the natural characteristics. He is smooth, cold, and glistening. He never walks erect, but crawls. He can wriggle his way through the smallest hole. He never meets a foe in manly fashion, but strikes when his antagonist is at a disadvantage. You know Fernando Wood, Ben. Wood, Vallandigham, and others of his friends, and what to expect from them. They are, at the least, manly enemies. Cox is more dangerous, for behind all his smoothness and polish, he conceals his dangerous fangs. His hatred to the Union cause is perfect, and he will strike at everything which tends to promote that cause either directly or indirectly.

The fifty per cent increase of tariff is an auxiliary to the cause, because it helps swell the revenue, and thereby furnishes the Government with the sinews of war—the only means of putting down the rebellion and saving the country. Therefore, of course, Cox opposes the increase or, indeed, any tariff at all, and the way in which he does it is certainly characteristic of the man. He lays down his platform somewhat in this style—that the tariff is a bonus to the manufacturing classes, and that the burdens are imposed upon the agricultural and consuming classes; in other words, that it is a class legislation, from which only sectional advantages accrue. New England will fill its pockets, and the Western farmer will be ground between the millstones, he whirls round his thaumatrope of figures and fallacies to blind the masses.

Does the increase of tariff enrich New England at the expense of the West? Cox, in his desire to cut off the revenue and thereby strike a deadly blow at the war, omits to state that there is manufacturing out of New England. He omits to state that New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other States manufacture. He omits to state that if New England fabrics are bringing high prices, farmers are furnishing their raw material. Wool once was considered high at 30c, but now it brings from 50c to $1.20. If the farmer pays more for his clothes, does he not get more for his wool? We know of farmers in this State who are turning their sole attention to sheep-raising, in view of the advanced prices of wool. If the manufacturers of the East are reaping high prices, do not the farmers of the West also get their equivalent, if not more than their equivalent, in the advance of the raw materials? Where they get only 15c to 20c per bushel for oats, they now get from 60c to 80c. Where they got 25c to 30c for corn and sometimes were glad to burn it for fuel, they now pocket $1.10 to $1.15 per bushel; where they brought their wheat to market and went home rich man at 50c to 60c per bushel, they now get $1.65 to $1.75, and the lower, which brought them $1.20 to $1.30, now brings $1.55 to $1.60. He forgets to state that if cotton fabrics have advanced, raw cotton costs now 50c to $1.00, when it used to cost 10c per pound.

All these have been Cox forgets to mention. The doctrine of compensation, which he obstinates, through all nature, obtains in this also. If the manufacturer gets a large price, so does the farmer. If the price of manufactured articles advances, so does the price of raw material. But Cox does not wish to remember this fact. He dreaded lest the revenue of tariff should help swell the public revenue, and with all the malignity of his Copperhead heart and fallacies of his Copperhead brain, he opposed the measure. He is blowing against the wind.

A NEW COPPERHEAD SCHEME—REPUDIATION.

The New York *World* has undertaken the job of starting the ball of national repudiation. The argument adduced is, that the debts contracted and obligations incurred by this generation are not binding on the next. "A majority of the adult citizens now living," says the *World*, "will be dead in eighty years and eight months. Till then, *living men* only might rightly contend that the national interest of their debt on themselves and their fellows. But at that period a new majority will come into place, in their own right, and act under the rights, the conditions, or the laws of their predecessors. Are they bound to consider the debt, and provide liberal thereon?" The *World* answers in the negative.

If the argument be a good one, that the debts incurred by this generation are not binding on the next, why will not the debts incurred equally in relation to all other dates and obligations? How can a life to real estate, resting on a dead man's signature, be valid? If repudiation shall apply to the national debt, why not also to all other debts and obligations? The national debt is the obligation of the citizens collectively, and it is a lien resting on each individual in their private debts, and repudiation of the national debt would attach as much disgrace and dishonor on every citizen as repudiation of their private debts.

But it seems does not fit at the end of a generation of men. A man lives out his lifetime, is that his or more, and so does a generation. Great Britain, as a nation, has existed twelve centuries, and France equally as long. Greece, Italy, India, Carthage, Babylon, Judea, Persia, Egypt, Assyria, Chaldea, existed for many centuries, but at the same time gathered to the dust of dead nations, where all modern nations must eventually go. All human institutions decay and perish.

Our nation has lived eighty-eight years, and may exist in full vigor eight hundred and eighty thousand if it survive the present crisis. It is now wounded and sick from the blows of traitors. Repudiation, and Copperhead treason in Congress, is the fatal dose, because, if the public debtors would do so, it would be just and illegal on the creditors who had fallen among thieves to refuse to pay the bill of the man who had knocked them down, and not his fractured head, and the bill of the man who had knocked them down and robbed and rifled them, is his convalescent. Suppose, in this case, that the human man, who having recovered, should give his wife to understand, for the comfort, and when it is known she should refuse to pay it, what would be thought of him? In the opinion of the Copperhead *World* he would be the angel and she the devil. Such sentiments reflect on the Copperhead brain, but opposed the measure. He is blowing against the wind.

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THE FOOD QUESTION AT THE SOUTH.

Our dispatches informed us a few days since that Richmond was under seige. The following significant paragraph from the Richmond *Enquirer* of the 29th will show that this was no idle statement but that the chief terror of a siege—starvation—already stares the rebels in the face, and in a degree more formidable than that which compelled the surrender of Vicksburg.

Grand, showy, secular, and unmitted as the war may be, there is a sense in which it continued to yesterday to demonstrate its plurality by the fact that it is indeed, and in fact, the power that be. The stores remained open, *Male and female institutions of learning where in*, the theatres, the churches, the shops, the *factories of war*, and all else continued to minister to the wants of the people. The markets presented a miserable array of "nothing to eat," and the entertainment, one of the cities, consisted in hunting for "something to eat." Richmond, *bombarded in fact and war, in all from all the world, and blockading under her second trial, presented to each equal pictures of Richmond* in the beginning of the war, and of Vicksburg. *Immediately, instant help is needed in order to prevent* and children, famine, and death, and, *in fact, and in all respects.*

The rebels entered into this war with the boast that they were an agricultural people, that their slaves would raise the crops while their men fought their battles, while the North would be dependent on free labor, and soon wail with famine in the country, and raise the cry of "bread or blood" in the cities. These "harmless people," after having passed through every process of suffering and desolation, ask now pleading from the Southern States, appealing to the North for bread, whether in country or city, labor though scarce was never better paid, general industry was never more prosperous, and the comforts of life were never more bountifully enjoyed by the entire people.

"THE SIEGE BEGUN."

The announcement of the telegraph is that the siege of Richmond has commenced. This is news, and it probably is not a pleasant story; but the public will catch it up and accept it as present prose, announcing a fact already true. Yet it is in no proper sense a truth, and it is quite uncertain when it will be. Grant has not besieged Richmond. He has taken up a position that he is on guard of the city, and at some distance from it; while the city is open on all sides, and in communication with the greater part of the rest of the Confederacy, except so transiently interrupted by our cavalry raids. We hold, of Richmond, the Southern end of the bridge across the James to the Potomac, together with one railroad—that to the White House. But we infer that Lee has full possession of the Virginia Central from Richmond to Hanover Court House; and while his army is as strong as at present, any attempt on our part to advance the place is not the question. That he may interfere with its comfort, by cutting of supplies by his cavalry, and by the alarm which a large army keeps up, of that truth with the country shall be unsure and prosperous, does not seem improbable. But the city is quite possible, and in truth quite natural. That the inconvenience he may thus create will force Lee to fight him, so as to give relief to the place, is more than likely. And if Grant could just after Lee's supplies and reinforcements and cut him from them, he would not only have to fight, but after a while starve as well as fight. The present is not only a hard nut but a long one. The hope of the rebels is without doubt in the end due to their advantage, by having a new ally to fight with the advancing season. Their trust is that summer will bring sickness among our forces. No man can say what help they will get from this source, but there are some six weeks or two months yet for field operations, before the usual season of summer diseases; unless events should unhinge the plans of both sides. We have had some solicitude for Butler's forces, should it continue at Bermuda Hundred; but a considerable part of it is already sent away.

In any event, we must take our chance for fevers, as well as bullets, along with the rebel army. We feel pretty sure that Grant will not select a piece of swamp and set the whole army to digging a big ditch through it, for no other purpose than to put the rebels to the trouble of going around it.

HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF THE BRITISH DEBT.

A parliamentary report classifies the receivers of the national debt of Great Britain as follows:

Fundholders who receive not more than £10 a year	250,918
Fundholders who receive not more than £50 a year	53,931
Fundholders who receive not more than £100 a year	1,597
Fundholders who receive more than £4,000 a year	715
Total fundholders	305,159

The amounts received by these fundholders are as follows:

The 250,918 fundholders receive annually	£9,000,000
The 53,931 fundholders receive annually	4,000,000
The 1,597 fundholders receive annually	2,000,000
The 715 fundholders receive at the rate	3,000,000
The 305,159	£18,000,000

A vast number of the holders of the "consols" are legacies for minor children, and old and feeble men and women who have retired from busy life to spend the remainder of their days in quiet. The very large number of small owners shows how widely the debt is held by the common people.

THE FOUTRE MONEY-ORDER SYSTEM.—It is said probable that the new postal money order system will go into effect for some weeks yet, as arrangements are not yet completed for the working of the system. The law provides that the Postmaster General may designate such officers as he may deem suitable for money order offices. No money order can exceed thirty dollars. From the money order office orders may be procured by depositing any amount within this limit, and these will be made payable by the deputy postmaster at any other money order office. The rate to be charged are: For an order for one and not exceeding ten dollars, ten cents; for an order for ten and not exceeding twenty dollars, twelve cents; where the money order is to exceed twenty dollars, the order must

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THE CITY

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The regular monthly meeting of the Medical Society which should have been held last evening, did not take place in consequence of the absence of the President, who was to have been in attendance on the Surgeon-General.

THE NEW BRIDGE.—The bridge at the forward state. The ground timbers are in their places, and those for the arches are now being raised into position. A little while longer and the work will be done, when it will be a thing of the past.

CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY.—The Circuit Court of Cook County adjourned for the term yesterday. Judge Williams goes to Lake county to discharge the judicial duties there, and will return to Chicago in time to preside over the trial of the bench of the 21st term, which commences next week.

CAUTION FOR EXEMPTION.—The enrolling officers of this district are now taking the names of all persons liable to be military duty. It will be well for those who may wish to claim exemption on account of age, non-residence, or disability, to call at the Provost Marshal's office and have their names enrolled. The Board will be in session daily at No. 132 Clark street.

ACCIDENT.—A horse unhamed and tearing around yesterday morning, on the corner of Dearborn and Washington streets, which was near being fatal. A little boy was knocked down by the horse, and was saved from a fall by a man who stood near by, who caught the boy in his arms. The horse then ran against a lamp-post, knocking it down. The falling iron, striking the horse's hind legs, stopped the animal. If it had been a second later, it would have struck him in the breast, perhaps fatally. He was not personally injured.

SPECIAL CONT. ASSIGNMENTS—DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT.—The decision of the Supreme Court, upon the assignment for Special Improvements, which we gave last week, has been confirmed by the Supreme Court. Justices Walker and Breese delivered the opinion that the assignments were not in the slightest degree unconstitutional, and that the Supreme Court of the State, and consequently the Circuit Court, had jurisdiction. It is understood that Judge Drummond dissented from the view taken by the learned bench.

TILL TAYLOR.—Blacksmiters should be very careful regarding the safety of money in their shop tills, for the city is infested by a gang of professional thieves who seem to make depredation. On Thursday a boarding house on Grove street was entered and robbed of $30. In money. The same night thief in a well known woman of the town. He was arrested yesterday afternoon.

On the same afternoon some unknown thief robbed the tills of George Fox, a grocery keeper, on the corner of Halsted and Twelfth streets of about $10.

EXEMPTION.—The fact that we are engaged in a struggle for our national existence does not appear to have, as yet, very materially check emigration. This shows that whatever speeches and Copperheads in our midst believe, foreigners think the war will be speedily ended. Day before yesterday a party of Norwegian emigrants, about two hundred in number, reached this city from Quebec. Yesterday afternoon they arrived a few days there in the city Victoria. These emigrants are bound for Minnesota, Iowa and Minnesota. They will prove a valuable acquisition to any community.

CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY.—At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the Board of Directors of the Chicago and Northwestern (consolidated) Railway, the following officers were elected:

President—W. B. Ogden.
Vice President—Perry H. Smith.
Secretary—Jonathan Trumbull.
Treasurer—James H. Dunham.
Comptroller—George P. Lee.

It is understood that all of the officers of the Illinois Railway remain in their present positions in connection with the Galena division of the new company's road.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.—The Cleveland dispatch referring to the important railroad connection with the East, established by the Atlantic and Great Western Railway, announces that J. J. Simmons, Esq., Superintendent of the Atlantic and Great Western, and of that Company, Mr. Simmons has for years past been known as a thorough business man, and here, in the Michigan Southern Railroad, and in this appointment he will make Superintendent of the Atlantic and Great Western, he has entered on the Company's engineer offices, under the Superintendent.

RESCUED FROM DEATH.—Francis Hoins, living on Clark, near Twenty-second street, was yesterday charged before United States Commissioner Hoyne with having received a draft by refusing to enlist in the army, and therefore, in the opinion of the Commissioner, committing other Thomas Jackson. The Commissioner held the defendant to bail in the sum of $500, to take his trial in the United States Court. Michael McDonough and Barney Burns, living on Clybourn avenue, near Chicago River, West side, also held to bail in $500 each for resisting the draft of Mr. Hoins, to give their names to enrolling officers of Mr. Hoins, to give their names to enrolling officers of Mr. Hoins, to give their names to enrolling officers